

around the John Deere Classic golf tournament. Helen also led the successful visits by the Quad City community leaders on their annual visit to Washington, DC, to present regional issues to legislative leaders and Federal officials.

Prior to Helen's work with the Quad Cities Development Group, she served as the Executive Vice President of the Northern Illinois Industrial Development Corporation, and before that worked in the telephone industry for 25 years. Helen is one of those rare persons who can successfully accomplish all these work-related tasks while still finding time to volunteer in many professional and community groups.

Helen will be missed by all her friends at the Quad Cities Development Group, but she plans to have an active retirement in the Moline area, so I am sure her community volunteer efforts will continue. I would like to wish Helen, her two children and five grandchildren continued success in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JESUS "JESSE" SALVADOR VARGAS AND ROBERT "BOBBY" A. HILL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor two dedicated citizens of Indiana's First Congressional District on the occasion of their retirement from the Inland Steel Company of East Chicago, Indiana. Jesus "Jesse" Salvador Vargas and Robert "Bobby" A. Hill, both longtime members of Local Union 1010 of the United Steelworkers of America, will be honored at a Retirement Party to be held on Friday, September 21, 2001 at American Legion Post 369 in East Chicago.

A native of Monterrey, Mexico, Jesse Vargas has been employed in the Transportation Department at Inland Steel since 1965. During that time, Mr. Vargas has been extremely active in Local Union 1010. He has held many appointed positions, including serving on both the Sports and Community Service committees. Mr. Vargas has also been elected Safety Man for the Transportation Department, and has been selected to represent Local 1010 at many United Steelworkers of America International Conventions. Throughout his career, he has shown his dedication to his Union Brothers and Sisters by traveling across the nation to assist them in strikes, lockouts, and organizing drives. Now retiring with his wife, Rubia, after a 36-year career, Mr. Vargas serves as an outstanding example of the dedicated Union craftsmen and laborers that built our nation.

Bobby Hill, an employee of Inland Steel and member of Local Union 1010 for 43 years, has provided exemplary service and leadership to both his employer and his union. Hailing from Haysi, Virginia, Mr. Hill grew up the youngest of nine children. Since 1958, he worked as a Switchman, Conductor, and Engineer at the Indiana Harbor Works. Mr. Hill has also served diligently in numerous elected positions at Local 1010, including Safety Steward for

the Transportation Department, Guide, Trustee, and Head Trustee. As a member of the Community Service committee, Mr. Hill volunteered his services across the Calumet Region. Like Jesse Vargas, Mr. Hill traveled across the country to assist his brethren in strikes, lockouts, and organizing drives. Bobby Hill will be greatly missed by his colleagues at Inland Steel and Local 1010 as he retires with his wife, Mary Ann.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join with me today in thanking these two men for their lifetime of service, and in wishing them well in their retirement. Bobby Hill and Jesse Vargas have given many hours of their precious time in service of their Union brethren. The sacrifices made by dedicated workers like Mr. Hill and Mr. Vargas have made American labor the safest, most efficient, and most quality-driven labor force in the world. I wish them both a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JOHN MILEY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly outstanding Naval Officer, Commander John Miley. He has served with distinction and dedication for three years as a Congressional Liaison Officer in the Appropriations Matters Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our great Nation.

During his tenure as a representative of the Department of the Navy to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, Commander Miley diligently and successfully worked budget submission and resource issues. During that time he has accompanied me on numerous fact-finding visits to Navy and Marine Corps facilities both stateside and abroad. I could always count on him to provide well thought out and candid input. Commander Miley was always on top of the issues of the day, and be relied on to insure Congress got the "right information at the right time".

Additionally, Commander Miley has provided members of the Appropriations Committees, as well as our professional and associate staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Navy plans, programs and budget decisions. He has earned our respect and trust for his dedication, knowledge of the Navy and the way he handles himself in this demanding position. His valuable contributions have enabled the Congress and the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to maintain the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped naval forces in the world.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Commander John Miley before the Congress today. It is clear through his stated and unstated accomplishments that he is a true leader with a clear sense of purpose, conviction, and conscience of service to his Na-

tion. As he departs the Washington area to command Helicopter Combat Support Squadron EIGHT in Norfolk, VA, I call upon my colleagues to wish him and his wife, Anne-Marie, and their young son, Sean, continued success and the traditional Navy send-off "fair winds and following seas."

IN TRIBUTE TO CHARLES M. HAIR, M.D.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Charles M. Hair, M.D., cofounder and President of the Livingston Memorial Foundation and Chairman of the Board of Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association.

Dr. Hair was raised in my district, in the farming community of Santa Paula, California. He joined the U.S. Army after earning his M.D. at the USC School of Medicine, and served two years in an Army field hospital in post-World War II Salzburg, Austria.

He returned to his home in Ventura County, California, in 1948, and for the next 38 years led a fulfilling life as a family doctor. He and his wife, Gerry, whom he met when he was a student at Ventura College and she a student at Ventura High School, raised five children here.

During that time, Dr. Hair made his home a better home for all his neighbors. Dr. Hair's leadership in the field of nonprofit healthcare philanthropy began in 1950 when he became an active member of the Ventura County Medical Society, of which he became president in 1958. He soon joined the Governing Council of the California Medical Council and served as CMA president from 1981 to 1983. Other boards he served on through the years are the California State Board of Consumer Affairs, the California State Chamber of Commerce, Western Conference of Prepaid Service Plan and Blue Shield of California.

Perhaps his most enduring legacy is co-founding Livingston Memorial Foundation in 1974 with Oxnard attorney Ben Nordman. The Foundation provides grants to enhance local patient care and make it available to people in financial need. In 1981, the then-Ventura Visiting Nurses Association, founded in 1947, affiliated with Livingston Memorial Foundation and changed its name to Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association (LMVNA). Together, the nonprofit organizations have greatly enhanced health care for those who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

LMVNA was founded to provide home care services as an alternative to institutionalizing the frail, elderly, sick and disabled, an idea dear to the heart of a family physician. In 1965, Medicare certified LMVNA as a home health agency. In 1987—now affiliated with Livingston Memorial Foundation—it developed a Medicare-certified Hospice program. The LMVNA Hospice program incorporates skilled nursing care with a multidisciplinary team approach to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the terminally ill and their families.

Needed services are provided at reduced or no charge to those who cannot afford to pay for them.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hair "retired" in the mid-1980s, but his dedication to his profession and the ill continues undaunted. He is the epitome of the family doctor, one who knows that diagnosing an illness is just one part of the healing process. I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing his vast contributions to medicine, to his community, and to the ill, and thank him for a lifetime of healing.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI ISRAEL
ZOBERMAN

HON. EDWARD L. SCHROCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SCHROCK. Dear Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach. He is also the President of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis, and Chairman of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. I would like to share the following article that was written by Rabbi Zoberman and appeared in the *Virginian-Pilot* on August 13, 2001.

ISRAEL WILL FOCUS ON SURVIVAL FIRST,
PEACE LATER

I have just encountered a place like no other where a watermelon may include an explosive device and fanatic suicide bombers threaten to rip apart all who happen to be in their vicinity. Being in Jerusalem a week ago, the latest terrifying carnage there has a chilling immediacy of both numbness and outrage! Can our Western mindset focused on fulfilling our individual lives in the here and now, catering to our every whim, understand those young Islamic terrorists transformed into martyrs with their bodies perfumed to reach heavenly delights not before turning earth into hell?

On a recent solidarity mission to Israel sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Judaism's Reform branch), I was exposed to that reality reminiscent of the twilight zone, though the Israelis, to their credit proceed almost with life as usual. In fact, a major disaster was averted in Haifa when a suicide bomber got cold feet, an unusual occurrence. We were there to offer our brethren the familial support that only our physical presence could provide, so essential to their ability to persevere in face of a challenge not to them alone but to all civilized life.

Israel's dramatic accomplishments, aided by the promise of peace, particularly shine brightly in that part of the world, with a GNP approaching Western Europe's and a second-to-none high-tech revolution reflective of its brain-power, underlying an alliance with human progress and innovation. It is even more impressive given the Israeli context of security concerns while absorbing a million immigrants from as diverse cultures as the Russian and Ethiopian ones. The great strides toward lasting peace with the Arab world following bitter wars with only a year ago reaching the brink of finally burying the hatchet with the resilient Palestinian foe. That dream dashed by Chairman Arafat who apparently could not grasp how

far his people came, turning instead to his all too familiar way of violence in violation of the Oslo Accords that he signed. Rabbi Michael Melchoir, Deputy Foreign Minister, who was at Camp David, assured us that former Prime Minister Barak indeed courageously made the "historical concessions" inviting Arafat to respond constructively. Melchoir emphasized that the present lengthy crisis has created much hardship to the Palestinian population with fifty-percent unemployment and their towns under closure.

Perhaps it was the 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Rabin by a Jewish extremist that ultimately led to the deadly impasse. Rabin and Arafat developed a personal bond so essential for overcoming years of mutual mistrust. The daughter of the general turned peacemaker, Dalia Rabin-Pelosoff, who serves as Deputy Defense Minister, movingly reminded us at the Rabin Center For the Study of Peace, that the fateful bullet continues to affect the Middle East's destiny. But the petite and assertive woman was also adamant of the need to stand up to terrorism and carefully separate the two peoples, in which I wholeheartedly concur. Disconcertingly, she reported of yet no information on the fate of the three kidnapped Israeli soldiers including Benny Avraham of Tidewater's adopted Pardes Katz. At the same setting, the new U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Daniel Kurtzer, asked us in the midst of a trying scenario to remember the end goal of peace.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's message to us dwelled on the overriding importance of preserving our common Jewish identity and his profound appreciation for the role played by American Jewry, the bridge between the small Jewish state and the tested ally and true friend of the world's sole super power, which too has painfully faced Arab terrorism. He is under heavy criticism for this dovish transformation from his own Likud party and Israelis at large to end an intolerable situation that no state would put up with. His targeting of Palestinian leaders engaged in organized terror in which Arafat's non-democratic and corrupt Palestinian Authority is a key factor, aims at reducing the level of violence while avoiding the risk of a wider war which, I believe, might not be prevented after all. From the political left, Yossi Beilin, the former Justice Minister and architect of the Oslo Accords, told us of Sharon's need to negotiate with Arafat even under fire. However, the latter's message of non-compromise is quite clear. Colonel (Res.) Yigal Carmon, president of the Middle East Media and Research Institute, proved to us that the Arab leaders use double-talk in English and Arabic. They are denying the very basic assumptions of Jewish peoplehood, its link to the land of Israel and sacred bond to Jerusalem's Temple Mount, intent on covering Israel with Palestinian refugees, whom they abandoned. Employing traditional anti-Semitism, they also disregard the Holocaust and continue to teach their children to demonize Israelis and become terrorist-martyrs.

Israel can not afford to give up its vision of peace for itself and its neighbors, it is rooted in its very being, sacrificing so long, much for it. For now, it must insist that survival comes first till Abba Eban's proven maxim will be disproved that "the Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity."

THE TERRORIST ATTACKS LAST
WEEK IN NEW YORK CITY AND
WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, many thousands of families across this Nation were hurt in terrible and tragic ways by the terrorist attacks last week in New York City and Washington, D.C.

For them, there will be no closure, a word I dislike, because I believe it is simply a word used by those not directly affected to make themselves feel better.

Those who lost loved ones or those who suffered very severe injuries will have to learn to cope with their losses and/or their injuries in the best way possible, but it will be extremely difficult, especially for parents who lost sons or daughters or small children who lost a mother or father.

So I certainly do not in any way want to minimize their losses.

But, there has been an outpouring of love, kindness and patriotism like I have never seen in my lifetime.

There are thousands of people across this country attempting to do everything they can to bring good out of this bad, triumph out of tragedy—horrible, horrible tragedy.

We have all been moved by many wonderful people and the stories of the good they have done.

But I want to especially call to the attention of my colleagues, and readers of the record all over the Nation, the actions of Melissa Kesling and the words of Justin Wright, two outstanding young people from East Tennessee.

Melissa is a 15-year-old sophomore at Faragut High School in West Knox County, just outside the City of Knoxville.

She had worked for many months as a clerk in a doctor's office and as a babysitter to save money for a trip to Spain.

On her own, without her parents ever knowing, she donated her entire savings of \$1,100 to the American Red Cross to assist in their work arising out of these attacks.

Justin is a fifth-grade student at Ball Camp Elementary School, also in Knox County.

He was given an assignment to write about his feelings following the tragedies of September 11. He wrote the following words (words I wish all Americans could read):

ATTACK ON THE U.S.A.

I wonder why someone would do such a horrible thing? Whoever caused this tragedy will be greatly punished.

At first I was scared because we live near Oak Ridge, which has lots of nuclear weapons. If the terrorists had attacked Oak Ridge, we might have been injured or killed.

There may be a war, but I am not afraid. Many men will be put to the test. I believe in their ability to find and punish the morons responsible. I am still very upset, and I wish I had some way to help the government figure out who is responsible. If I were old enough, I would volunteer to be a fighter pilot and help punish these terrorists.

I feel so sorry for all the victims and their families. I am glad that my family was neither on the airplanes nor in the damaged